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that forms part of the platform 100 and which is securely bolted to the underside of an upper structural member 116 in which the channels 102 are formed. These bolts 112 pass through bores formed in circular bosses 202a at the tops of a pair of the post-like support members 202 which are bolted to a base platform 204 that forms a main portion of the base member. This base platform 204 is, in this instance, formed of a flat plate which has circular cross-section reinforcing beads provided along each side.

Paragraph beginning on Page 9, line 16:

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The clamp arrangement 300 which permits the adjustment of the pitch angle or orientation of the base 200 is such that the lower clamp member 304 has a curved concave surface provided with a plurality of straight teeth or splines 304a and is rigid with the lower portion 208, while the curved convex upper clamp member 302 which is provided with a plurality of corresponding teeth or splines 302a on its convexly curved surface. The upper and lower clamp members 302, 304 are arranged to engage one another and to be adjustably set in a number of different positions relative to one another. The upper clamp member 302 is held against a lower surface of the flat plate 204 by an arrangement which includes a clamp connection/tension bolt or shaft 306 which passes through apertures formed in both of the upper and lower clamp members 302, 304 and the flat plate 204. This clamp connection/tension bolt 306 also passes through apertures formed in arcuately shaped member 308 which is adapted to seat on the upper surface of the flat plate 204, and an elliptic prism-shaped member 310 which matingly seats in an arcuate groove 308a formed in the arcuately shaped member 308.

Paragraph beginning on Page 10, line 14:

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It will be understood that the invention is not limited to the clamp structure which is shown in the drawings and that modifications may be made thereto without departing from the scope of the invention. For example, alternative clamp elements/parts such as those described in United States Patent No, 5,979,978 issued on November 9, 1999, in the name of Olsen et al. may also be used if so desired. It will be noted, however, that it is advantageous that the cam lever at one end of the bolt, which is used to clamp the adjustment permitting arrangements together, be

provided to enable quick and easy adjustment as one rider changes and another takes his or her place.

Paragraph beginning on Page 10, line 22:

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The operation of the above-described embodiment is such that when it is required to remove one saddle and replace it with another, the lock lever 110 is rotated from the position illustrated in Figs. 2, 3 and 6 to that shown in Figs 5, 7 and 8. This rotates the lock-block 108 from the engaging locking position to the release position. Under these conditions, only the effect of the detents 104 resist removal of the seat frame portions 10 from the channels 102. A small force is sufficient to detach the saddle from its seated position. The new saddle or seat 12 may then be placed in position wherein the detents 104 will conveniently hold the saddle 12 in position until such time as the operator rotates the lock lever 110 back to its locking position whereby the lock-block 108 is brought into locking engagement with the upper surfaces of the saddle frame members 10.

IN THE CLAIMS:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(3), please substitute for pending claims 1, 4 and 6-8 the following clean version of the amended claim. The changes to claims 1, 4 and 6-8 are shown explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

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1. (Amended) A quick release/connection arrangement for a seat, comprising:
a seat receiving structure having recessed portions adapted to receive a pair of elongate members which form part of a frame of the seat;
a lever-operated rotatable locking element rotatably supported on the seat receiving structure and selectively rotatable between a first position wherein engagement between the rotatable locking element and the elongate members is absent and wherein the pair of elongate members are removable from the seat structure receiving member, and a second position wherein the elongate members are engaged by the rotatable locking element and locked in position on the seat receiving structure.